FY 2015 RUNAWAY HOMELESS YOUTH (RHY) BASIC CENTER

Department of Youth Affairs

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT FORM

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Project Description:

The Runaway Homeless Youth (RHY) COED shelter is a community based program specifically designed to assist runaway, homeless, victims of abuse and other similarly troubled youth and their families. The program provides a 24-hour shelter and care as a safe home for runaway, homeless and victims of abuse for up to 30 days during which case management services are provided in resolving their issues of conflict in times of crisis at the same time keeping focus on strengthening the family as a collective unit. The case management unit includes crisis intervention, individual program planning, group and family counseling, aftercare, outreach and referrals. The primary purpose of the program is to 1) provide a viable temporary safe alternative to the natural home, detention center or the streets; and 2) to facilitate the problem solving process of case management by lowering the level of tension in the family to a point in which constructive dialog may begin.

<u>Project Goals and Objectives; Project Activities; Project Performance Measures; Project Outcomes:</u>

Goal: The overall goal of the COED is to provide professional services for up to 200 who are runaways, homeless, or victims of abuse.

Decrease recidivism and problems of runaways and homeless youth.

Objective 1. To increase the awareness of available services and issues related to Runaway and Homeless youth and victims of abuse by conducting outreach efforts directed at youth, parents, and community agencies through a 24-hour crisis hotline, presenting information through the local media (newspapers, television & radio), public presentations, bus stop murals, school presentations, door-to-door street outreach, and informational displays at shopping centers throughout the island.

Indicator/Outcomes/Periodicity: Awareness of available services for run away and troubled youth for the community of Guam as a whole.

For this reporting period, our agency provided services for thirteen (13) youth in the community. Eleven (11) of which were victims of abuse, while the remaining two (2) simply requested for a timeout from their families.

Activity A:

The Emergency Shelter program will provide individual supportive counseling at least twice a week for each youth residing in the shelter.

Time Line: Daily; ongoing daily sessions

Responsible Parties: Case Manager and Residential **Assistants**

Activity B:

To provide therapeutic and recreational activities for youth to promote personal well being.

Timeline: Daily

Responsible Parties:

Case Manager and/or and Residential Assistants

Objective II.

To increase crisis intervention services to runaway and homeless youth and their families by providing 24 hours services to 200 youth parent and/or community members.

Indicators/Outcomes/Periodicity: Accessibility of children and their families in crisis situations who use Emergency Shelter services.

Activity A: 24-hour crisis hotline is open to the general public to provide immediate feedback, assessments and referrals to appropriate agencies.

Time line: on-going,

Responsible Parties: Crisis Intervention Worker and Case Manager

Activity B:

Provide referral services for all youth and their family members assessed for services needed from other agencies.

Timeline: ongoing

Results:

During, this reporting period, nine (9) youth resided in the shelter during the month of July. Ten (10) youth resided in the shelter during the month of August. Ten (10) youth resided in the month of September. At least one hundred and seventy four (174) individual supportive counseling sessions were conducted that included educational, health and personal growth.

Results:

On a weekly basis, the program facilitates various support activities for therapeutic and recreational purpose such as life skills to include money management, cooking skills, home management, mentoring, and exercise to promote social skills and personal growth.

Results:

- Four Hundred and eighty two (482) contacts were made via 24-hour crisis hotline.
- Household and family dynamics, runaway/throwaways, beyond control, physical abuse and sexual abuse were the top issues of concern for youth who accessed the crisis hotline.

Results:

An estimation of One Hundred and eighty (180) referrals was made to other agencies, organizations, such as Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC), Guam Police Department, Sanctuary D&A Department, Child Protective Services, I

Responsible Parties:

Crisis Intervention Worker, Case Manager and Program Director.

Famagu'on-ta, and I-CARE, and Healing Hearts.

Objective III:

To reduce the problems of youth 12-17 who are runaway, homeless and victims of abuse by providing temporary shelter and aftercare services for up to 10 youth at any given time while they resolve problematic issues.

Indicators/Outcomes/Periodicity: Accessibility of emergency 24hr placement for runaway and homeless youth needing assistance/guidance to begin the reunification process.

Activity A:

The project will provide temporary shelter and aftercare service for 10 youth 12-17 years of age for up to 30 days while providing the youth with supportive counseling and connecting youth and families with other agencies.

Activity B: The project will provide basic necessities such as food, clothing, shelter, and transportation services to and from school and appointments while also providing supportive counseling and guidance to promote reunification and reconciliation.

Timeline: ongoing

Responsible Parties: Case Manager.

Results: During this quarter a total of Thirteen (13) youth received shelter services. There were nine (9) new intakes admitted to shelter, Five (5) youth continued to receive shelter services into the month of October. Two (2) clients continued in aftercare services once reunified with their parent or legal guardian from the month of July to September.

During this reporting quarter four (4) clients transitioned to their biological parent., and two (2) clients reunited with a family relative.

Results: During this quarter all youth who were admitted into shelter met their basic needs, and referred to appropriate agencies or organizations to further meet the youth and family's needs. The Case Manager and Executive Director worked with other agencies and organizations to help work towards promoting reunification and reconciliation between the youth and family.

Objective IV

To strengthen family relationships of 120 youth and their families through individual family and group counseling to resolve conflicts that will lead to familial reconciliation and reunification.

Indicators/Outcomes/Periodicity: Conflict Mediation skills of children and their families

Activity A:

Provide 120 family skills training sessions for youth

Results:

A total of five (5) family skills training sessions were provided this reporting period to youth and their families experiencing crisis. Family sessions were conducted as well to develop a reunification plan. During this quarter all other youth transitioned back home to a parent/legal guardian, alternate familial placement or a foster care home.

and their families experiencing crisis situations through Sanctuary's 24-hour crisis hotline or Emergency Shelter Program.

Time line: ongoing

Responsible Parties:

Crisis Intervention Worker and Case Manager

Activity B:

The Project will conduct 45 Anger Management groups for children in crisis situations to learn assertive, non-violent ways of channeling their anger.

Timeline: ongoing

Responsible Parties: Case Manager, and AmeriCorps volunteers.

Results:

• A total of twenty-one (21) Middle/High School YAM classes were conducted during this reporting period with a total of ten (10) youth in attendance at the Astumbo Midddle School class site, while sixteen (16) attended YAM classes at Sanctuary. These youth were mentored by Sanctuary's AmeriCorps Volunteers during the group session. The group's participants consisted of youth in Sanctuary programs, as well as outside referrals from other agencies such as GDOE, I Famagu'on-ta, probation as well as self referrals.

Objective V:

To decrease recidivism and problems of runaway and homeless youth and their families to assist with their transition back home and meet their long-term needs.

Indicators/Outcomes/Periodicity: Availability of supportive services to children and their families in crisis situations.

Activity A:

The project will provide individual supportive counseling for 120 youth and their parent/legal guardians assisting them in making appropriate decisions relative to their family dynamics.

Timeline: ongoing

Responsible Parties: Crisis worker and Case-

Manager

Activity B: The project will provide case management services for 200 youth and their families that will enhance stabilize and strengthen their relationships.

Results:

Individual supportive counseling sessions were provided this reporting period to assist youth and their parent/legal guardians to make appropriate decisions relative to their family dynamics. The breakdown of the sessions are as follow:

- One hundred and seventy four (174) youth individual supportive counseling sessions.
- Five (5) parent individual supportive counseling sessions
- IPP completion rate for this quarter is at 90%

Results:

Thirteen (13) youth received case management services via the COED Shelter and two (2) participated in Aftercare services.

Timeline: ongoing	
Responsible Parties: Case Manager	

Problems Encountered:

A challenge encountered is identifying placement in a timely manner for youth who are wards of the state due to exhaustion of alternate familial placement and limited foster care placement. Once a youth exits from shelter services, one of the vital parts in maintaining reunification is to sign up for aftercare services to help reduce the recidivism rate. The youth and parent are always encouraged to sign up for aftercare services to help with the transition back home easier when problems arise. The youth and parent are always given a transitional plan to follow in the event they opt not to seek aftercare services. Lastly, parent involvement in programs (groups and supportive counseling) is limited; parents do not participate in all the services we recommend despite agreeing to participate and access other services upon intake of client.

Future Plans:

The Case Management and Counseling Section have developed corrective action plans to address several deficiency areas such as improving data collections, monitoring of case management activities and case updates. This improvement is making significant progress on a daily basis. Sanctuary continues to partner with agencies such as Child Protective Services by a holding monthly meeting to discuss ways to better serve clientele.

Performance Measures:

Social Competence	Case Manager and shelter staff have reported
	observed improvement in social interactions and,
	defined as maintaining positive relationships with
	others 11 of 13 (84.6%) clients served within this
	reporting period. Observations are based on
	demeanor and nature of client interactions as
	documented using daily client progress reports.
Family Relationships	Noted improvements in family relationships,
	defined as willingness to address family issues, and
	improved styles of communication, has been
	reported by case manger 5 out of 6(83%) based on
	parents verbal feedback to the Case Manager.
	Most of the clients during this reporting period
	were wards of the state. The number provided
	above only includes clients who were able to work
	towards reunification with a family member or
	foster parent. It is challenging to work on a family
	relationship when a family member or foster parent
	is not identified. More than 30 days are needed to
	work on fostering a positive relationship when
	working with CPS clients and their family
	members or foster parent.
Families Satisfied with Program	A total of 9 out of 13 family members completed
	Sanctuary's Satisfaction Survey during this
	reporting period. Of the total number of family

	members who have completed the satisfaction
	survey, 82% have reported to be satisfied with all
	aspects of the program. 84% stating that they will
	access Sanctuary services in the future. Areas
	surveyed include:
	1) Noted quality in family relationships
	2) Future access of services
	3) Accessibility and response time
	4) Overall rating of services
	5) Recommending services to others
Client Satisfaction	Of all clients who have completed satisfaction
	survey, 88% have reported an increased quality in
	familial relationships. A total of 77.7% have stated
	that they had good or very good access to services
	with prompt response time. A total of 100% have
	rated overall services as good or very good and
	88.9% of clients surveyed have indicated that they
	would likely or very likely refer others to Sanctuary
	for services needed.